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Response Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure Group Art Unit: 1725

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In re the application of:

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Paulus DE LANGE et al.

Serial Number: 09/763,355

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Filed: February 21, 2001

Examiner: Tran, Len

For: FLUIDIZED BED METHOD AND REACTOR FOR THE

TREATMENT OF CATALYSTS AND CATALYSTS CARRIERS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 1, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed November 2, 2006, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-3, 5, 14, 15 and 17 are pending.

Examiner Tran is thanked for indicting the allowability of claims 14 and 15. It is believed the entire application is in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth below.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1, 5 and 17 over U.S. Patent No. 4,740,551 to <u>Foster</u> is traversed. The claimed method for activating and/or calcining olefin polymerization catalysts includes the following: